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INDICTMENTS HANDED DOWN IN AUSTIN BROTHEL CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal grand jury in Austin has indicted seven individuals in connection with their roles in operating an Austin, Texas, brothel. Those indicted include: Juan Balderas-Orosco, Bertha Jiminez, Francisco Castillo-Celaya, David Mendoza-Magana, Emilio Castillo-Celaya, Rafael Torres-Melchor, and Miguel Gomez.

The indictment charges the defendants with Transportation for Prostitution, Coercion and Enticement for Prostitution, Conspiracy to Smuggle, Transport and Harbor Illegal Aliens, and Importation of Aliens for Immoral Purpose. The indictment alleges that the defendants began this prostitution ring as early as November 13, 2002, and continued operating it until their arrest on June 29, 2006.

On July 29, 2006, law enforcement raids were conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service on brothels operating in Austin, Dallas and Oklahoma City which catered to illegal aliens. Those arrested include Juan Balderas-Orosco, Francisco Castillo-Celaya and David Mendoza-Magana. The remaining indicted defendants are fugitives from justice.

This case is an ongoing investigation of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and with assistance from local law enforcement and is being prosecuted on behalf of the government by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Carruth.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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